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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission Room 159  
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Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Secretary:

On behalf of the 11,000 Special Olympics Athletes throughout Southern California I am writing you to state my opposition to the establishment of a National Do-Not-Call Registry. I believe that the proposed amendment would seriously impact our ability to serve our athletes, while still allowing the most objectionable kinds of calls to be made. It would seriously limit the ability of many non-profit organizations to contact supporters and potential supporters thus making it considerably more difficult for us to recruit volunteers and donors.

Our **-11,000** athletes with mental retardation, and their families, depend on our program to give them a sense of personal achievement, self-esteem and hope for the future. It enables them to participate in a year-round program of sports training and competition that helps them reach their full potential and learn **skills** that translate into enhancing their daily functioning. Special Olympics Southern California is not government funded and we depend heavily on the private sector, specifically thousands of individual donors to support our quality program. Almost 25% of our annual revenues comes from the efforts of outside vendors to raise money and conduct cause related marketing promotions through direct marketing.

If the National Do-Not Call Registry Amendment is passed it would adversely effect our ability to serve our **current** athletes and to reach the thousands more who so need our services. Special Olympics Southern California is opposed to the proposed amendment and feels that if it does pass, all calls on behalf of not-for-profit organizations should be excluded from coverage. We sincerely hope that you will reconsider your actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Janet Schulman*  
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President & CEO

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